

RECOMMENDS ISSUE OF \$2,000,000 IN BONDS

Council Finance Committee Prunes Down Demands of Administrative Board.

SHOCKOE CREEK GETS \$300,000

WORK WILL COST \$1,000,000, BUT WILL TAKE SEVERAL YEARS, AND ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED THIS YEAR IS NOW PROVIDED.

Sitting in executive session for more than four hours, the Council Finance Committee last night voted to reduce to \$2,000,000 the proposed bond issue to provide for school improvements, and the committee's recommendations will be submitted to the Common Council at the regular monthly meeting to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The committee had rejected the proposed issue from \$6,400,000, although members of the Administrative Board had appeared before it the previous night and explained in detail what would be the disbursements under the larger issue.

The committee recommended the amount provided for the distribution of a greater part of the \$2,000,000 between the Water and Gas departments, the installation of sewers, schools and for the improvement of Shockoe Creek. The amounts allowed the several departments were not announced by the committee, but are understood to have been as follows:

Shockoe Creek, \$500,000.

Tax Department, \$100,000.

Construction of flume at the Settling Basin, \$150,000.

Extending water mains, \$105,000.

Sewers, \$200,000.

Floating debt, \$700,000.

There are several other small items in the issue, among them being the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of a site for a new colored school building in the central part of the city.

SHOCKOE CREEK WORK WILL TAKE SEVERAL YEARS.

The Administrative Board, in its estimate of the larger issue, asked for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the improvement of Shockoe Creek alone. This matter has been before the council several times in recent years, and the board estimated that it would require this amount to provide against a repetition of the occurrence last spring, when the waters of the stream did several thousand dollars' damage by flooding the lower section of the city, causing several buildings to collapse.

The board estimated that this amount would complete the entire project from the James River beyond the locomotive works, and that the occurrence of the disaster, but as the work would extend over a period of several years, it was not thought necessary to provide the entire amount asked when it would not be needed this year.

The appropriation made to the Gas Department will be used for all general purposes, but as the extension of water mains, a part of which will be in the recently annexed territory, members of the board advising the need of several of the substances for fire protection, the Water Department is given \$105,000, while \$100,000 will be used for the construction of a flume at the Settling Basin, making the Water Department's share of the issue \$105,000.

For installation of sewers in various sections of the city \$200,000 was set aside, and a large part of this amount will be used in the annexed territories. Fifteen thousand dollars for the acquisition of a part of the Phillips property on the Williamson Avenue, Elm Hill, is another item that was provided for by the committee.

VESSELS IN DISTRESS CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Only Two Lives Believed to Have Been Lost in Gale Which Swept Coast.

NORFOLK, VA., March 4.—Swept by a northwest gale, accompanied by snow last night, several calls for assistance from vessels in distress were received here and elsewhere along the Atlantic coast to-day.

A fisherman, John Parker, and his two wives were lost in the gale. Captain John Parker and Mrs. Nancy Parker was boat bound, which sank during the gale in Abemarle Sound yesterday. It is believed that there was an explosion on the boat after she struck a shoal near the mouth of Pamlico River.

The bodies of Captain Parker and his mate are believed to be on board the craft. She will be floated and towed to Weeksville, N. C.

The schooner Caroline Gray was driven ashore in Tappahannock Inlet during the gale, but she is resting easy and in no danger. Her master is broken.

The tug boat of Captain Parker lost the barges Upton and Rockwood yesterday, No. 7, off the capes during the gale. The Upton was driven far out to sea, but the other barge managed to run ashore off the capes. The Coast Guard cutter Onondaga picked up the Upton after searching for her several hours. The Coast Guard cutter Apache picked up the Rockwood-Buckeye. Both of them were towed into Hampton Roads.

The Norwegian steamer Caroline narrowly escaped striking the beach near Cape Henry during the same last night. Coast guards at Virginia Beach saw her lights through the snow and fired rockets to warn her of the dangers. She managed to make her way farther out to sea. She is said to have been blown off her course. Marine men expect further reports of accidents due to the gale.

Reports received here to-night indicate that the wrecking tug Rescuer, which is here to try to go to the assistance of the Clyde steamer Apache, had gotten into trouble. That vessel was reported to be seventeen miles north of Cape Henry.

The Apache is reported to have been blown off her course and in her struggles against high winds and seas her propeller shaft broke. She sent out several calls for assistance, which were answered by the coast Guard cutter Apache and the tug Rescuer. The latter will tow the steamer to New York.

MORE TO INITIATE BIG CLASS.

On Monday evening the local Lodge of Local Order Moose will initiate a "New Home" class of over 100 candidates, and immediately after a banquet will be given at Moose's Hotel, at which W. F. Frazee, State Attorney of Maryland and Mr. McFarland, Congressman of Pittsburgh, both of whom are prominent and enthusiastic "Moose," will deliver addresses. Prominent local men have also accepted invitations to be present.

FORCE ASSAULT CHARGE.

Policeman George Braxton, colored, on a charge of assaulting Victoria Johnson,

The Weather (Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)



FRENCH GUNS POUR DEATH INTO RANKS OF GERMANS

HOLD SUMMIT OF KNOB WHICH DOMINATES VILLAGE OF DOUAMONT.

GROUND STREWN WITH BODIES

NOTHING AT CHARLEROI, ON THE MARNE, ALONG THE YSER OR IN CHAMPIGNE EQUALS CROWN PRINCE'S SACRIFICES BEFORE VERDUN.

PARIS, MARCH 4.—French machine guns and rifles have been pouring death for two days into the ranks of the Germans attacking in mass the village of Douamont. The French hold the summit of the knoll which dominates the village from the south. Parts of the town had been taken and retaken repeatedly, and each time that the fortune of battle has changed more dead from the thick masses of German assailants have been added to the piles behind which their surviving comrades have sought brief protection.

GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The indications are that the weather will be generally fair, with some rain in the States east of the Mississippi River.

Considerably warmer weather is probable Sunday throughout the Atlantic States.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Temperature.

Place S.P.M. High Low Weather

Asheville 46 36 21 Clear

Atlanta 46 36 21 Clear

Atlantic City 22 28 18 Clear

Boston 36 26 22 Clear

Charleston 35 28 22 Clear

Chicago 38 28 18 Cloudy

Calgary 36 26 12 Clear

Charleston 46 36 22 Clear

Chicago 36 26 12 Cloudy

Detroit 60 46 32 Cloudy

Duluth 24 20 0 Clear

Galveston 62 64 50 Clear

Haverhill 32 28 19 Snow

Hartford 35 28 21 Clear

Kansas City 39 30 18 Clear

Louisville 38 26 14 Cloudy

Montgomery 48 38 26 Clear

New Orleans 62 52 32 Clear

New York 32 28 18 Clear

Norfolk 32 31 22 Clear

Pittsburgh 35 24 16 Clear

Ridgefield 36 28 24 Partly cloudy

St. Paul 26 21 14 Partly cloudy

San Francisco 52 50 30 Rain

Savannah 50 40 32 Clear

Seattle 34 24 10 Clear

Washington 28 30 18 Clear

Winnipeg 30 18 18 Clear

Wichita 28 30 12 Clear

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March 5, 1916.

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Sunrise 6:37 Morning 5:13

Sunsets 6:06 Evening 5:23

Woman Is Arrested.

Anderson Surgeon Collier was called to the Hotel and Leigh Streets last night to treat Sarah Fray, colored, who had been struck with a bullet. It was alleged to Florence Collier, wife of the young man. Police had not seriously injured. Policeman Reid arrested the woman on a charge of felonious assault.

Hold on Serious Charge.

Detective Thibault yesterday arrested grocer Tinsley on a warrant charging him with a serious offense against George E. Held.

Wanted in Hopkins.

Policeman Dunn yesterday arrested Tom Owens, colored, on a charge of being a fugitive from Hopewell, where he is said to be wanted on a charge of highway robbery.

Debt for Theft.

Policeman Dunn yesterday arrested Louis Shunk on a charge of stealing \$369 from Joseph McSweeney.

ALLEGED SNATCH-THIEF.

While A. C. Lourie, of 100 Wood Street, was purchasing groceries in the First Market last night, a negro snatched his watch and foil and fled. Lourie gave the alarm and pursued the negro into the Seventeenth Street yards of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, where the fugitive hid behind a car. When Lourie found him and started toward the man, he threw a brick at him, striking Lourie in the shoulder.

The negro ran and escaped for the time being.

Later in the night, Policeman Bertrand and Swell arrested William Allen, colored, on suspicion of having committed the robbery. Lourie said last night that he was positive Allen was the negro who snatched his watch.

RAINFALL DURING DAY.

Rain fell over the battle field today, later turning into snow, as was the case on the fourth day of the battle.

The determination of the German attacks on the village of Douamont are explained by the strategic advantage of the heights to the south held by the French, barring the way to the bastion and fort. The village itself, composed of about fifty houses, now is only smoking ruins. It is dominated, together with the ravines at the foot of the advanced bastions of the fort, by the French batteries massed on the plateaus and heights, so that the faster the Germans come to the clearings from the woods and ravines they are

immediately exposed to a withering fire.

There was no news this afternoon regarding the issue of the struggle for the village, but there are indications that the French have it under control. It is expected that after the furious onslaughts of two days the attacks of the German infantry were suspended during the night, for the possession of the village itself is of no advantage without occupation of the heights which command it and make it untenable for hostile forces.

Possession of the plateau of Douamont is essential to the Germans in view of operations seemingly projected in the region of Vaux, but it is pointed out that even with the line from Pepper Hill (Cote-du-Poivre), to Douamont in their hands, the Germans would again find the French solidly fortified from Froide Terre to Souville and Vaux, where sacrifices equal to those made in the assaults upon Douamont would be necessary to gain the slightest advantage.

NEW PETROLEUM DEMANDS TO BE MADE ON AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The United States is preparing to make formal demands upon Austria-Hungary as a result of the attack by an Austrian submarine upon the American tank steamer Petrolite. A note on the subject will be dispatched within the next few days.

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